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In re Application of:	Examiner:
Jeffrey A. Steward et al.	L. Thanh
Serial No.: 09/475,548	Art Unit: 3763
Filed: December 30, 1999	
Title: Medical Assembly With Transducer For Local Delivery Of A Therapeutic Substance And Method Of Using Same	

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WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This petition responds to the Notice of Abandonment dated October 21, 2003.

This Notice of Abandonment states that the application was abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to timely file a proper reply to the office letter mailed on February 20, 2002. Applicants responded to this Office Action on March 13, 2002, and received the postcard filing receipt for this response from the U.S. Patent Office on April 4, 2002. Apparently, an error at the U.S. Patent Office resulted in this response not being correctly associated with its corresponding file, because the file currently does not contain the response.

Applicants have attached a copy of the postcard filing receipt, the Express Mail receipt, and a copy of the Office Action response, as filed. Note that the postcard filing receipt lists an Express Mail number that matches the Express Mail number attached to

the Office Action response. Applicants believe that the copy of the postcard filing receipt is sufficient evidence to show that Applicants timely responded to the outstanding Office Action and that the U.S. Patent Office received the response.

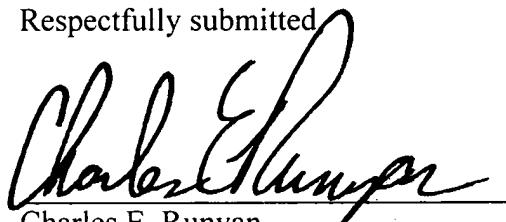
Applicants request that the holding of abandonment in this case be withdrawn.

Applicants also request that the Office Action response be considered and that prosecution resume in this application.

Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for this petition. But if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account Number 07-1850.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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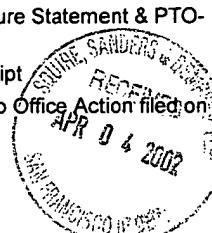
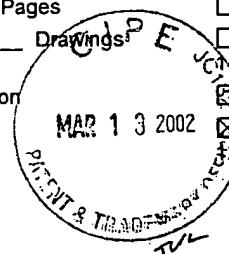
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